

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, causing approximately 4,000 deaths and billions of dollars in property loss each year; and

WHEREAS, while many causes of home fires are on the decline, research indicates that there has been a significant increase in the number of home fire candles; and

WHEREAS, all of us share a personal responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, and our homes by practicing fire safety, including the careful use of candles; and

WHEREAS, this year's fire prevention theme, "Use Candles with Care: When You Go Out, Blow Out!" calls attention to the simple actions that we can take to help keep us safe from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2005 as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to practice fire prevention and safety measures at home, school, and work and to support the efforts of fire and emergency services across the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA